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In re CIP Application of
Joseph D. Lichtenhan et al
Application Serial No. 09/783,719
Filed: 16 February 2001
For: **ALTERING OF POSS RINGS**

Group Art Unit: 1722
Examiner: M. Moore

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington D. C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated 10-31-03, finally rejecting claims 1-29, less 19, in the above application, reconsideration is requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29, less 19, are in the present application.

The Office Action rejection of claims 20, 21 and 25 as anticipated under 35 USC 102 (b) or in the alternative, as obvious under 35 USC 103 (a) over Lichtenhan et al's patent, '562, is respectfully traversed.